

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers for 2019 was held last Friday. New officers are: President Linda Ryan, Vice President Ben Ellis, Secretary Lisa Snead Reed, and Treasurer Sherry Tarr. Outgoing member, Kelly Lewis was cited for her involvement the past 6 six years as board secretary and presented with a small gift.

Agreement between CIL and ESPL will hopefully be finalized this winter. The Board is very appreciative of the hours provided and supportive of the decision to attempt adding more hours for Chincoteague in the County budget.

Programs:

Tales 4 Tots fall program, "The People in Our Neighborhood," will conclude this Thursday with a small party. Pastor Joe Carson from the Christ United Methodist Church will read Santa Claus stories which will be followed by the children making "Santa" ornaments. This has been a fun theme and will be continued this winter and spring with visits from NASA and others from within the community.

Books Clubs:

The Island Readers' Book Club hosted local artist and author, Daniel Turner Thomas, last Tuesday evening, December 4th. He spoke about his book, *The Come 'Ere: From Wales to Chincoteague Island*. The event was very well received and well attended. This continues to be a very active, involved book club.

Nancy's Book Club (in honor of founder Nancy Roberts who dies several years ago) will be having their annual planning session and holiday luncheon this Thursday. This book club plans topics for each month and members read books based upon the topic. Once a year, the members all read the same book. Members come from Chincoteague and "Down the County."

Events:

"Beat the Winter Blues" event was canceled.

Adult Coloring, Crafts & Needlework began last Thursday from 1 – 3 p.m. at the library. This is a very informal program for the winter months where patrons can come into the library to relax and socialize.

Chincoteague Heritage Days – a collaborative effort with the Museum and other non-profits on the Island will be held in March. Our library's part in this endeavor will be to hold a poster contest for Chincoteague public school students.

Locals Library Week is again being planned in April during National Library Week with the addition of a joint celebration with the Museum of Chincoteague to honor Marguerite Henry's birthday (which is the last day of National Library Week).

Sunset Cruise to be held on June 20.

Labor Day Yard Sale – Labor Day Weekend

Maintenance:

The Board is looking into repairing the lock on the park-side door.

To reduce heating & cooling costs, the board voted to have insulation blown in under the older section of the library. The new addition was insulated when it was built.

The board increased our cleaning person's hours to two mornings a week. This is in addition to the twice-yearly thorough cleaning for which we have contracted.

Elevator inspections and fire suppression system inspections are held periodically and continue to be a drain on our resources.

Submitted by Linda Ryan

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